



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: R. Skurtveit, et al. Group Art Unit: 1617  
Serial Number: 09/673,168 Examiner: S. Sharareh  
Filed: November 28, 2000  
For: Ultrasound Contrast Agent

**Response to Office Action**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**Introductory Comments**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2002, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response three months from November 21, 2002, to and including February 21, 2003.